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EASTWARD.—OUT OF PALESTINE.

(CONCLUDED.)

Some of our party ascended to the castle, and came back in raptures with the majestic pile itself, and the majestic view from its walls. I jogged on with Hadji, and occupied my time in giving him what was a mere dragoman he ought, as I told him, to know, but which, to my astonishment, he was profoundly ignorant of. That was the leading fact of the Bible which make the land so interesting to those travelers on whom he depends. He listened with great patience, and seemed grateful for the information, wondering at the Bible stories of the connected with the places which we had visited together. Let our travelers give similar lessons, and dragomans will thereby become more intelligent and useful; nay, they may be able in their turn to instruct travelers who are very ignorant of their Bible, and who do not even take the trouble of honestly reading the portions of Scripture referred to in Murray's accurate pages.

We camped at Nabatiehah the Lower—our next stage after Maas. The whole aspect of the country is now changed. "Groves of mulberries begin to cover the valleys. The houses of the villages are built more substantially, and with some attempts at art. This can be easily accounted for by the fact that the country is beyond the region preyed upon by the Arabs of the desert. There being here some security for property, there is consequent industry, with comparative comfort.

At no place did our presence attract greater attention than here. Most persons go to Damascus by Banias, or pass on to Sidon. The tent of the traveler is not so hickory as then at Nabatiehah as elsewhere. Crowds accordingly gathered round it, sitting in a circle three deep, the young in front and the old behind, as if gazing on wild beasts from another circle; but all were most civil and orderly. As usual, the musical box produced the greatest excitement and interest, as did also the performance which I generally added, on the Jews' (or Jews') harp. I never saw so many beautiful boys and girls as here. And this is especially true of the boys of about ten or twelve years of age. The symmetry and elegance of their features, the exquisitely chiselled nose, lips, and chin, and the calm lustrous eyes, quite riveted me.

The Turkish Governor, in an old shabby surcoat, and a shirt that seemed to have been washed in pea soup, paid us an official visit; and was wonderfully high bred in his whole manner, in spite of his greatness. He was decorated with some photographs of his children, which I showed him with paternalistic fondness, and he introduced some of his own "toddling" young ones to us. I was praising their appearance when Hadji told me he dared not translate my words, as they would give offence. Such praises are feared as signs of an evil eye. I therefore simply echoed his pious wish expressed in regard to myself, that he might have many, although for aught I knew he may have had, like myself, almost as many as his nursery can well accommodate. We both salaamed, however, to the mutual compliment.

The next day's journey was not very interesting. We wound down to Sidon, among stupid low hills with nothing worth looking at which I can remember. We were glad to hail the old seaport at last. As we approached it, the air for a considerable distance was loaded with delicious perfume, which in this case we found came from orange-trees in full and glorious bloom. I had no idea that the odor of any flowers, even those of "Araby the Blest," could be carried so far on the breeze.

We spread our carpets among the orange-trees for lunch and repose, enjoying the small and exquisite fragrance from the white masses of blossom overhead. The whole neighborhood is one great garden filled with every kind of fruit-bearing trees—orange, figs, almonds, lemons, apricots, peaches, pomegranates, to nourish which abundant streams of water are supplied from Lebanon. Our stay unfortunately was short. We had barely time to visit the old port, within the long line of the wall and castle which protect it from the north. As at Jaffa, the selection of the place as a harbor was evidently determined by a reef of rocks forming a deep lagoon within, and defending it from the outer sea. But beyond the usual attractiveness to the eye of everything oriental, and the old associations of the place, we saw nothing worth noticing, though there must be much in the town and neighborhood.

Our camping ground for the night was on the river Damur, which occupied us five hours from Sidon. The road from Sidon to Beyrout is described in "Murray" as being "one of the most wearying rides in Syria." We did not find it so. The two voices, "one of the mountains and the other of the sea," never were silent all the way. The "Great Sea" was dashing its billows on the sand to our left, along which we often rode, while to our right the "godly Lebanon" contributed some of its lower ridges broken with rock and stream, and clothed with trees. I must admit, however, that the route for many hours is, on the whole, tame; and that the traveler who has time at his command should branch off to such places as El-Jun, not far from Sidon, near which is the old convent which Lady Hester Stanhope long occupied as her private lunatic asylum; and Deir-el-Kamar,

one of the most picturesque villages in the Lebanon. We reached our tents about sunset, rather fatigued after our ride from Nabatiehah; but we enjoyed the luxury of a swim in the "salt sea," which made us all fresh again.

The scenery of a considerable portion of the road next day on our way to Beyrout was extremely fine. The lower ranges of the Lebanon running parallel to the sea, with their slopes and gorges clothed with mulberry and fig-trees, and covered with white houses and villages high up on their steep, and with old convents crowning all, reminded me of the road along the Riviera, between Genoa and Spezia, and in some places was quite as beautiful. After passing through sandy dunes, through large olive groves, and an extensive forest of dwarf pines, we entered Beyrout, and found ourselves in Basoul's most comfortable hotel, and once more in the region of Boots and Waiter, table d'hôte, and civilization.

Our party broke up at Beyrout. Our friends Mr. Landie and Mr. Barbour, who had availed with us from Marcelline, and contributed much to our happiness, resolved to visit Baalbek. My friend, who had been in the country before, remained at Beyrout; while Mr. Strahan and I, whose time was limited, found that we could get a glimpse of Damascus—but no more! Hadji Ali and the tents therefore passed into the service of our friends, and it was not without some feelings of pain that, after setting accounts and a backsheesh to the satisfaction of all parties, we bade our dragoman and suite farewell. The slight clankings of the chain which had heretofore bound us, were forgotten in the mutual salaams with which we parted.

To our surprise we learned that a French company had engineered an excellent road to Damascus, a distance of about ninety miles, and ran on it a well-horsed, well-appointed, comfortable diligence! No doubt this was very different from the poetry of a tent, and of long cavalcade of mules and horses winding among the mountains of Lebanon, and along its old historic paths. But I must confess that the prosaic and much more rapid and comfortable mode of travelling was heartily welcomed and appreciated by us. Had we been obliged to depend on Mochi and his cavalry, we never could have seen Damascus, and consequently would have lost one of the most fascinating scenes in our journey.

Seated in the coupe, with six strong horses before it to drag us up to Lebanon, we left Beyrout at four o'clock in the morning, and arrived at Damascus about five in the evening. What a railway is in speed to a diligence, such is a diligence to ordinary riding in Syria. The traveling was admirably managed: short stages; good horses; excellent driving; resting places at proper intervals, where "meat and drink" were nicely served, with French civility. We had a tolerable view of the country as we jogged along, at first slowly, up the steep ascent of the Lebanon for a few thousand feet, then in full swing down its eastern slopes, then briskly across the flat of the Cœl-Syrian plains, then by a young, unselfish, God-fearing Jewish captive, stronger than Naaman in her simple faith and truth; or how the same man, who went forth with talents of gold and silver and goodly raiments as his precious treasures, returned with them, but valuing most of all some earth from the land whose God had restored him to health; and thinking more of the wild and fierce Jordan than of his own Abana and Pharpar. To this Damascus also Elshah, the great prophet who had healed Naaman afterwards came, when that remarkable scene occurred in which the prophet, seeing the false heart of Hazael that was too false to see itself, "settled his countenance steadfastly, until he was ashamed; and the man of God wept."

From Damascus in later years there went forth another power, an army which went beyond the Himalayas, and established a dynasty at Delhi which, but as yesterday, after revealing the true and unchanged spirit of Islam, was swept away by British bayonets, so that at this moment the last rays of the sun which, rising in the west, long ago in India, is setting in the person of the last Mogul, who is a transplanted convict in the Andaman Islands! From Damascus other conquering bands poured forth a stream of flashing scimitars and turbaned heads along the Mediterranean; crossed to Europe; and but for the "hammer" of Charles Martel, verily a judge in Israel whose arm was made strong by a merciful God, the crescent might have gleamed on the summit of great mosques in every European capital. The whole history of the city is marvellous, from the days of the soldiers of Babylon to the Zouaves of Paris—from early and old repeated atrocities committed on its inhabitants by successive conquerors down to the late massacre of Christians by its own citizens. But, strange to say, we cannot associate on our great action which has blessed the world with any one born in Damascus: the associations are all of idolatry, cruelty, and bloodshed. Yet Damascus lives on, while the site of Capernaum is unknown! Let the traveler review all this strange history; let him sit at the Wely gazing on the ancient city, and then, ere he goes to rest, him a small link in the chain stretching into the darkness of the past, let him thank God that he has seen Damascus!

We spent a happy day in wandering through the city. I need not attempt to describe its famous bazaars. I cannot say that I admire them more than those of Cairo, but I thoroughly enjoyed them as a theatre exhibiting out-of-the-way life, and as at every yard revealing such strange oriental groups of human beings gathered out of every tribe, such pictures of form and colour, of man and beast, of old fantastic buildings and Arabian-Night-looking Courts and Khans, of shops of every sort of ware and for every sort of trade; such sweetmeats, such a variety of food; such a variety of the very look of the schoolboys in Europe; such antique arms, beautiful cloths, dresses, shawls, carpets of every kind and color, as would tempt the fathers and mothers of boys to follow their example—all this, and more than I can describe kept me in a state of childlike wonder and excitement as I moved through the bazaars.

My old friends the dogs seemed to make Damascus their capital. I was amused at the table d'hôte of the hotel in hearing a dispute regarding the number of the canine race in Damascus. The question discussed between two gentlemen who had for years resided in the city, was whether the number of dogs amounted to 200,000, or only 100,000 or 150,000. Some suggested larger numbers, but all agreed that 100,000 did not fully represent the grand army, the possibility of being a soldier, in which so shocked the high-minded Hazael.

Anxious to overtake the Austrian steamer from Beyrout to Smyrna, and finding that we might miss her if we waited for the diligence, we resolved to post back during the night. The only kind of conveyance which is placed at the disposal of the traveler is a four-wheeled wagonette, with roof and curtains, and a seat along each side capable of accommodating three persons. We had two and sometimes three horses, and were driven by a tall jet black Nubian. The Consul and a few friends saw us off, and with kind consideration furnished us with an additional wrapper, as night on the Lebanon might be very cold or even very wet. But all looked bright and promising for an hour or so after we started. Then, however, the wind began to rise, until as we faced it on the ridge of Anti-Lebanon it blew a hurricane, and the rain fell in torrents. I never was exposed to such a storm. Very soon the curtains, which partially sheltered us, were torn in ribbons, and the roof did not protect us from the rain, which soon became sleet, and blew with a fierce and bitter blast through the carriage. We had a strong double umbrella, under which we sought shelter for our heads as we spread it behind the back of the driver; but soon the umbrella was also shattered and torn. My companion, who was not so well rigged as me for the gale began to suffer greatly from the cold; but as I had fortunately some spare clothes in a water-proof bag, I drew a pair of stout trousers over his, (and he did not find them too tight!); a woolen shirt was tied over his head; worsted stockings were supplied for gloves, and with one of the long cushions thrown over him he was enabled in this picturesque garb to weather the tempest. The Nubian showed marvellous endurance, as he drove his two-in-hand or three-in-hand for thirteen hours. They were generally fine strong cattle, but once or twice they stopped, with a disposition to turn tail to the wind, and were with difficulty forced to meet it. The Nubian would not drink, but was thankful to have some brandy poured over his hands when benumbed by the snow on the mountain top at midnight. We also, once or twice, when things looked very bad, gave the poor fellow some good back-sheesh to keep up his heart and spirits. Wet, cold, and miserable though we were, yet the landscape at sunrise roused us up. We were then winding our way over the Lebanon, and looking across the Cœl-Syria plain to the ridge of Anti-Lebanon. The sun, was breaking through the wild rack of storm-clouds which were rolling over the mountains. Above to the zenith, they were black as night, but gradually passed into a dull grey, and then into purple, that with ragged edges and long detached locks of streaming hair, swept along the ground, on which ever and anon bright sunbeams lighted up green fields or some bit of mountain scenery. Had the forests of all Lebanon been on fire, and had their smoke, illumined by their flames, been driven by a hurricane across the fields and hills, the effect could not have been more stranger or wilder.

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MOUNT VESUVIUS.—A communication from Naples of the 12th of February, says: "The first ascent to the crater of Vesuvius during the present eruption was made yesterday by Lieutenant-Colonel Weston, Captain Neil, W. S. Kennedy, Mr. Boycott and Mr. Hetting. The direction was over the old lava of 1858 to the Hermitage; thence on, passing the Observatory, over the lava of the present eruption, which covers the old track to a considerable depth right up to the top of the cone. On reaching within about 180 feet of the summit we arrived at a small crater, which a few days back was in a state of activity, and still vomits forth clouds of sulphurous vapor absolutely stifling, the ground being covered with pieces of lava incrustated with crystals of salt and copper, green and blue, and somewhat white. The eruptions were constant, though slight. The wind, blowing in a steady breeze towards the sea, enabled us to descend an extinct crater to the very mouth of the present one. The trembling of the mountain, the noise of the explosions, resembling some thousands of boilers joined in one bursting; the constant rush of steam or vapor, the showers of scoriae and lava of all variety of form (the favorite one being that of a gigantic hatchet) rendered the scene, however grand, rather awe-inspiring. After hanging over the crater as long as our lungs would permit, we commenced the descent, which being on the other side, over disintegrated ashes, was easy, and we reached Rosina six hours after we left. There is at present no lava vomited from the mouth of the cone. It comes out through a tunnel at the foot of the crater, and, after running in a narrow stream, it divides and enters separate covered passages made of cooled lava. It then reappears, and like copper running from a furnace, proceeds at a rate of four miles an hour. It again disappears, and on its once more coming into daylight, proceeds in broad streams of about 14 ft. in breadth and 6 ft. in depth, percolating also under the lava over which the spectator is walking, and terminates in an upright mass of 7 ft. or 8 ft. carrying on its surface large and small pieces of lava and ashes, and moving at a rate of about a foot a minute. The sismograph at the Observatory was perfectly quiescent, indicating either a cessation or a new phase in the eruption."

A COOK'S BALL IN PARIS.—The Paris correspondent of the *Morning Post*, who generally denotes himself to recording the doings of high life, writes: "Whilst speaking of the doings of the fashionable world, I may mention the magnificent ball which took place recently in the Sal Valestin, known as the annual cook's ball. The aristocracy of the kitchen, and the more beautiful women in the hall, together with the youthful knights of the *cassacole*, mustered strongly. It is no exaggeration to say that the toilettes of the ladies were worthy of the most aristocratic *salons* of Paris, and diamonds and precious stones abounded, leading me to conclude that the culinary art in Paris must be very handsomely remunerated. Some of the more beautiful women of the fish-market wore jewelry which must have cost some thousands of francs. Quadrilles of honor were formed by the kings and princes of high life below stairs, who chose for their partners the more renowned female aristocracy of the *monde cuisine*. At the commencement of the evening it appeared to me that a haughty reserve and proud etiquette prevailed throughout the brilliant society; but as the evening advanced, and negus and punch were imbibed by the vigorous dancers, a more familiar language and an easier attitude possessed both ladies and gentlemen. The cavaliers were dressed precisely in the same white cravat, white gloves, and embroidered shirt sublimity which forms the characteristic appearance of other noblemen of another class. It was pleasant to join in the refreshing conversation of the *belles* of this ball. Instead of the namby-pamby nonsense of other aristocratic circles, it was interesting to hear one's quadrille partner, after the dance was over, indulging into vigorous abuse of this or that noble family, the phrases being sprinkled with epithets singularly expressive. I came to the conclusion that all classes of society are very much alike, in that illudge in scandal, detraction and abuse when they are natural. It was not until 3 o'clock that the carriages of the company blocked up the Rue St. Honore and the servants of the guests arrived, and gradually beckoned away the dancing company. The utmost hilarity and good breeding prevailed, and I do not believe the kitchen stuff of any other nation of the world could have contributed so well-dressed, so well educated, and so polite a society. It only wanted the presence of the Emperor and the Empress to make this *soiree* as brilliant as any given at the Court of the Tuileries."

THE QUESTION SETTLED.—The Committee appointed to report who sells the best-fitting men's and boys' clothing, at lowest prices, have unanimously resolved that Joseph & Brother, (late Joseph & Fige), southwest corner of Montgomery and Pine streets, have the largest assortment of boys' clothing on hand, made according to the latest Parisian fashions. Call there before purchasing elsewhere. All kinds of clothing made to order at the shortest notice.

AN AMUSING INCIDENT.—A gentleman from the country called a day or two since at J. A. Shaber's Furniture and Bedding Wareworks, No. 707 Market street, near Third, to buy some of his fine spring mattresses and a little furniture, of which he had heard so much, and was very much amused to find he could get them of Shaber about twenty-five per cent cheaper than he could anywhere else.

If you wish a good cigar, go to the Eureka Cigar Store, I. Raphael, proprietor, No. 430 Kearny street, near California, where you can find a large variety of Havana and domestic cigars and tobacco; also, cutlery, pipes, etc., of every description, at very liberal prices.

THE SPINNER OF EYREY.

Toward the end of the eighteenth century, there lived at Eyrey, in Normandy, a gentleman whose only relative was a daughter, about ten years of age, and whose only domestic was an aged servant. The little girl had received in baptism the name of Yvonne, and the servant that of Bertande; but the latter was known in the country only by the name of the "Spinner of Eyrey," because she was always seen with her spindle at her side. Bertande plied it industriously from morning till night, and often again from night till morning, in order to assist the master.

It is necessary to say that the gentleman of Eyrey took little care of Bertande. He was one of those who consider that their epitaph will be that of mankind in general. After having eaten the best part of the estate he concluded, that he would drink the rest. At last, when he had exhausted both fortune and credit, he was fortunate enough to die suddenly, without having the trouble of settling his accounts with his creditors.

Scarcely had the winding sheet enveloped him when his creditors, followed by the officers of justice, hastened to seize everything. The furniture was taken into the court-yard and sold at auction. They divided amongst themselves the prairies, fields and orchards, and a stout merchant of Falaise, who had recently purchased a title of nobility, came to live in the old dwelling. Bertande was informed that she must leave the place. She took her spindle and those of Yvonne, and then presented herself in order to take leave of her new master.

The latter, seeing that she held the little girl by the hand, asked her if she should take her to some relative.

"Alas! I beg your pardon," replied Bertande, drying her eyes with the corner of her apron, "she, poor innocent, has no family in the country to receive her."

"Why not then conduct her to the a foundling hospital of Bayeux?" replied the newly-ennobled.

"To the hospital!" repeated Bertande, with surprise.

"They not only receive foundlings there," interposed the former merchant, "but also abandoned children."

"She is not one, sir," said the old woman, caressing Yvonne, who quite terrified, pressed close against her, "so long as I live one friend remains to her."

"Is she then something to you?" demanded the bourgeois, ironically.

"She is the daughter of my master," replied Bertande. "Twenty years have I eaten the bread of the family. I received her into my arms when she was born. I carried her to church for her baptism. I taught her to walk and to pronounce her first word. If she is not the child of my blood, she is the child of my care. Ah! To the hospital! Have no fear of going there, Yvonne, so long as Bertande can move one of her fingers; thy hospital will be in her bosom."

She had raised the child, who clasped her arms around her, and leaned her head upon her shoulder, and she took the route to Falaise; Bertande had a plan of which she had spoken to no one. She knew a lady at an Academy where she carried Yvonne with a purse enclosing all that she possessed, and said to her—

"Bring up this child as the daughter of a gentleman, and refuse her nothing that is necessary to bring honor to her name; for, before this purse will be empty, I shall bring you wherewith to refill it."

She then embraced the child, wept much, and departed. But three months after, she reappeared with more money than she had left the first time. She continued to return thus four times a year, and each time she desired that Yvonne might have the most skillful masters and the most beautiful dresses.

She alone was always the same: dressed in her coarse woollen petticoat, her spindle in her waistband, and walking while turning her spinning wheel. It was vain to ask from whence came the money which she dispensed for Yvonne; to these questions she always smiled while replying—

"God has a treasury for orphans."

Meanwhile, Yvonne became a young lady no longer, wise and beautiful that her charms were talked of in all Bessin. The most distinguished ladies of the country wished to know her, and came to visit her, in the parlor. Pretended poets addressed their verses to her; the young gentlemen were enamored of her, and tried to secure her favor; in fine, she found many friends, and some even claimed relationship, Madame de Villars, who was of the number of her admirers, even insisted that the interesting girl should come to pass some days at her chateau.

It was there that Yvonne met Lord de Bouteville, one of the richest and most accomplished noblemen of the kingdom. He became so deeply in love with her that he demanded her hand in marriage, and Yvonne, happy in his choice, thought of the means of making it known to Bertande, when her old friend opportunely presented herself, with a dozen tradespeople. She did not wish that her young mistress should marry as a person of no fortune, and she had brought to her a complete trousseau. Lord de Bouteville, who arrived as they were displaying this present to Yvonne, did not appear to partake of the joy of the young girl. He had already heard of the great sums furnished by the old servant, and doubts expressed as to their origin; he feared that this generosity concealed some secret shame, and he could not refrain from trying to discover it.

Bertande silently withdrew, and she did not reappear, to the great despair of Yvonne, who felt that this flight confirmed her lover's suspicions. Finally the day of her marriage arrived, Yvonne, richly adorned, was conducted in the carriage of Madame de Villars.

As she alighted in the vestibule, she found herself surrounded by meddlers, who, according to custom, brought their good wishes, and solicited alms. Suddenly her looks fell upon an old woman kneeling. Her spindle and spinning wheel caused her to be recognized; it was the old domestic—it was Bertande! She ran to her clasped her hands, and demanded what she was doing there.

"What I have done for nine years," said the old woman, who could not restrain her tears, seeing M. de Bouteville, who was coming towards them. "Yes," continued she, "this is the secret which has tormented your lover. After having left you at the academy, I commenced traveling on foot through Normandy, spinning along the road and asking alms in the name of God. My labor brought me more—it was for myself; alms brought me more—it was for you. But your husband need not blush at what I have done; the gift presented in the name of God can bring shame to no one. The kindness of men sustained you when you were small, now the kindness of one alone will render you happy. This day I stop begging, for, when you

no longer require anything, I need not demand anything."

Yvonne, at first stupefied, then overcome with emotion, embraced the old woman, who could not comprehend such transport. But M. de Bouteville, whose eyes were filled with tears, suddenly took her hand and placed it in that of his betrothed.

"You have been her mother," said he: it is for you to give her to me," which was immediately done, to the great admiration of all the spectators.

Yvonne, attired in silk and lace, was led by nurse Bertande, who yet wore the dress of a mendicant, and held her spindle and distaff. The ceremony, being finished, the young bride knelt before the old country woman in order to receive her blessing, as she would have done to her mother. The crowd wept, and on all sides were heard the exclamations, "May God defend them! May God protect them!"

These wishes were accomplished, for the remembrance of this union was preserved in Bessin, where, a long time after, it was said under the form of a proverb, "As happy as the Boutevilles."

Madame de Bouteville and her husband preserved to the end of their lives the veneration for Bertande. When the noblest lords and ladies were assembled in the saloon of the chateau of Bouteville, the spinner of Eyrey occupied there the place of honor. They celebrated every year the anniversary of their marriage to which the old servant was in her former costume of a mendicant, her spindle and her distaff, having on one arm Lord de Bouteville and on the other Yvonne. A touching ceremony, which, while recalling devotion and gratitude, served equally as an example for masters and servants.

EGYPTIAN JUSTICE.—As an instance of the strange sort of way in which justice is administered in this country, the following story is told: A certain French gentleman entrusted an Englishman with £90 to buy a horse for him. The Englishman accordingly gave the money to a native, whom he considered thoroughly trustworthy, with orders to go into Arabia and there purchase the animal. The Arab, however, spent most of the money in his own devices, and returned to Cairo, after a few months, with a wretched "Rosinante," such as would appear at a Spanish bull-fight. The Englishman, immensely disgusted, returned the £90 to his French friend, simply saying, "that he had failed in executing his commission; but he determined to try and recover it from the Arab." So he went and told the whole matter to the Governor of Cairo, who appointed his deputy as judge. While the case was being tried, dinner-time came; and the judge, the prosecutor and the prisoner all sat down together, and dined in a friendly way. No embarrassment was caused thereby; but after dinner the judge, turning to the prisoner, quietly said, "Can you pay the Frank gentleman the money you owe him?" On receiving a simple reply in the negative, the judge added, "Then thou had better go off at once to prison, and delay this gentleman no longer." The Arab went without a word, and remained in that miserable place, for the prisoners are infamous—for two months, after which his brother took his place for him. Finally, the money was paid by instalments—*Cradle Lands by Lady Herbert.*

WILD BEASTS AND BRIGANDS IN FRANCE IN THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY.—Large forests were numerous of twenty miles or more in circuit—there was one near Blois of not less than ninety miles. Here the brown bear, the wild boar and the deer still roamed at liberty. In the forest of Landau the Viscount Rohan preserved a drove of 600 wild horses. Wolves would occasionally issue from the forests, and ravage the country in packs, as they still do in Poland and Russia. In 1548 one of these packs issued from the forest of Orleans, devouring men, women and children, until the peasantry rose en masse to exterminate them. But worse than these hungry animals were the brigands who found shelter in the merry greenwood, preying upon their neighbors, and especially travelers. One band of ruffians, 500 in number, roamed the country, storming towns and castles, burning villages and farmsteads, plundering, murdering, and committing fouler atrocities. Travelers rarely journeyed alone; they formed into a sort of caravan, sometimes escorted by soldiers, hardly less to be feared than the robbers themselves. If the adventurous merchant passed safely through forest and over heath, he arrived at an inn to find himself carefully classed. If he journeyed on foot he could not dig and lodge like one who went on horseback. The dinner of the first was fixed by tariff at six sols, and the bed at eight; the latter paid respectively, 15 and 20. In many cases the traveler had to carry his bed and food with him, or he would have to go without.—*White's Massacre of St. Bartholomew.*

FEMALE BANDIT.—A gang of women robbers has just been suppressed in Paris. They were under the command of a stout middle-aged woman named Catherine Keller, who planned the operations and distributed the parts. Her lieutenant who did the active work out of doors was a young Genevese girl, Marie Antoine, who found an ally in her sweetest, Eugene Delvaux. The various women used to be posted at the omnibus stations of Paris. A very useful member of the sisterhood, was a big paysanne who bustled about in the crowd, making vigorous play with her legs and arms, while her companions profited by the disorder to charge to ride the pockets of bystanders. The paysanne has escaped, but Keller, Antoine and another have been convicted and sentenced, the first to six months imprisonment and two years surveillance, and the others to four months imprisonment.

SINKING OF A HOTEL.—The *Journal de Paris* relates a curious circumstance which is taking place at Desenzano, in the province of Brescia, in Italy:—"The Hotel de Porta Vecchia, built upon piles on the shore of the Lake of Garda, is gradually sinking at the rate of six inches a day; the ground-floor has already disappeared. This immersion is taking place imperceptibly, and without any shock. Every means of preventing it have been employed, but without avail. Numbers of persons have come from distance to witness this singular spectacle. The proprietor of the hotel, who was at first in despair at this misfortune, at length determined to charge a fee for admission to the house, and has already received a sum of money which will go far to compensate him for his loss. A scientific commission is about to visit the spot to open an inquiry."

ERROR OF THE PRESS.—A West of England newspaper, in reporting the speech of a honorable and gallant member not long since made the speaker utter the following:—"Mr. Gladstone avowed that he would stand or fall by his Bill; he had burned his coats, destroyed his breeches, and did not mean to recross the river." "Coats," of course, should have been "boats," and "breeches," "bridges."

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(Fortsetzung.)

Ihnen nach drängten sich die Kinder und

auch sie tiefen ihre Freude laut werden über

den tiefen und seltenen Besuch.

Die Männer erhoben sich von ihren Stüh-
len und traten, der Hausherr weit voran,
den drei jugendlichen Gestalten näher.Erster begrüßte seine junge Nachbarin mit
herzlichem Händedruck, und das Bewußtsein
welches die also empfangene darüber emp-
fand, daß sie so allgemein willkommen war,
prägte sich in einer mit Rührung vermisch-
ten Befangenheit deutlich auf ihren schönen
Zügen aus.Reinhold verbeugte sich vor ihr aus eini-
ger Ferne, aber er konnte kein Wort zur lau-
ten Begrüßung finden. Seine Stimme
stimmte wie erstarrt in der Brust, und nur
seine Augen sprachen seine Empfindung aus,
oder sie sprachen vielmehr nicht, sondern ha-
teten mit einer Art strahlender Verzückung
auf der dunklen Gestalt der eben Eintreten-
den.Wir sagen auf der dunklen Gestalt,
denn Jane trug heute Abend ein schwarzsei-
des Kleid, das der Ruhe und dem Ernste
ihrer Erscheinung einen noch erhöhten Aus-
druck verlieh und mit dem klaren Teint ihres
Gesichtes in einem sie nur verschönernden
Contraste stand. Rein in der hellen Be-
leuchtung, wie sie jetzt unter dem Glanz der
vielen im Zimmer brennenden Lampen und
Kerzen stand, hatte Reinhold sie noch nicht
gesehen, und die stille Grazie, mit der sie
eintrat und ihren so schön geformten
Körper trug, das leuchtende Licht, welches
aus ihren Augen drang und in diesem Mo-
ment weniger als sonst den geheimnisvollen
Kummer ihrer Seele verrieth, blendete ihn
fast und ließ ihn unter allen Anwesenden
als den Befangenen und Ueberrasteten
erkennen.Über als die Begrüßungen nun gesprochen
und von Jane Norrmanson mit wenigen
Worten erledigt waren, führten die Töchter
des Hauses sie nach dem grünmetrigen
Sopha, und endlich lag sie sich kaum be-
wegend und nur mit zaghaftem Blick sich im
Kreise umschauend, zwischen den Schwestern,
denen die beiden Männer gegenüber auf sei-
nem Platz genommen hatten. Auch später
noch, als das Gespräch schon lange begonnen
und alle für Alle interessante Wendung ge-
nommen, beharrte sie in ihrer Ruhe. Ihr
Auge schaute sich gar nicht in dem glänzenden
Raum um, in dem sie jetzt saß, sondern
blieb nur stets mit wachsender Aufmerksamkeit
auf den Zügen Jenes, der zu ihr
oder zu den übrigen Anwesenden sprach.Dah nach ihrem Eintritt und nachdem sie
sich auf ihren Platz niedergelassen, hatte sie
sich ein geräuschtes Strohhütchen, das sie in der
Hand gehalten, vor sich auf den Tisch ge-
stellt und eine kleine Stütze herangezogen,
an der sie langsam und mit niedergebücktem
Kopfe zu arbeiten begann. Eine kleine
Schere und das übrige Gerät, dessen sie
bedurfte, legte sie vor sich nieder und als sie
nun, während die Mädchen noch sprachen, zu
sich fort, nur sich dem haarförmig be-
obachtenden Doctor wieder eine neue Reihe
unabhängiger Genüsse dar. Nein, er konnte
sich an den Bewegungen ihrer weißen Fin-
ger nicht satt sehen. Die Art, wie sie den
Faden durch das dünne Gewebe zog, wie sie
die Nadel und die Schere faßte und hand-
habte, alles das war ihm neu und von un-
beschreiblichem Reiz. Es lag eine unheim-
liche unbewußte Grazie in jeder Bewegung
dieser weißen, elastischen Finger, jedes Glied
 schien ihm von einem besonderen elastischen
Leben be-
setzt und mit einer besonderen elastischen
Fähigkeit begabt zu sein, und nie wie an die-
sem Abend war ihm die Bedeutung der
menschlichen Hand bei Betrachtung der fe-
stlichen Eigenschaften eines Menschen so klar
geworden, wie ein großer Psychologe, der
ihm als Colleague in der Heimat nützlich
begegnet war, es noch jüngst in einer vielge-
priesenen Schrift eben so lehrreich wie wi-
senchaftlich auseinandergesetzt hatte.In ein förmliches Studium dieser feinsten
individuellen Fingerprache verloren, verfiel
er sich im Anfang der angesprochenen Unter-
haltung auffallend still, und erst, als dieselbe
eine erstarrte Wendung nahm, und die Töchter
des Hauses wiederholt Fragen an ihn
richteten, die er eingehend beantworten mußte,
sammelte er seine flüchtigen Lebensgeister
und begann sich mit einer gewissen ihm
eigenenthümlichen Wärme über die angeregten
Gegenstände auszusprechen.Über das Gespräch auf den Punkt gebracht,
den es nun einnahm und einen großen Theil
des Abends bebeherrschte, er wußte es nicht,
eben so wenig, wie er es später zu leiten oder
an sich zu fesseln die Neigung fühlte. Blos-
lich sah er sich nur in einen Vergleich der
schwebenden und deutschen Literatur ver-
setzt, in der ersten seine mangelhafte Kennt-
nis einsetzend, wandte er sich mit Fragen,
wie nur er sie so klar und verständlich zu
stellen wußte, an die emsig nächtliche Schwe-
din, die nun genötigt war, ihre Arbeit ein-
zustellen, um ihn zu lassen und das Auge
gegen ihn aufzuschlagen, um seine Frage
nach dessen Kräfte zu beantworten.Sie sprach dabei nur wenige Worte und
immer in kurzen Sätzen, gleichsam, um sich
nicht in den schweren Periodenbau einer ihr
nicht ganz zugänglichen Sprache zu verlieren.
Was sie aber sprach, war immer richtig und
klar, und wenn sie urtheilte, daß sie es mit
einer ruhenden Bescheidenheit, obgleich man
ihre Anbete und anjah, daß sie keinen An-
genblick ihre wirkliche Meinung verhehleund eben so offen wie wahr in ihren kurzen
Aussagen war. Zwischen ihr und Jane
wenn sie schwieg und wieder zu ihrer Arbeit
greifend den Kopf senkte, glaubte Reinhold
die Lebhaftigkeit ihrer Mienen zu sehen und
die tiefe Trauer wieder aufzutauchen zu sehen,
die er früher schon in derselben wahrgenom-
men hatte, und von diesem Eindruck erfaßt
und zu unbewußtem Mitleid hingerissen,
erwachte er sich allmählich mehr und mehr,
und endlich, von einem unbekannten inneren
Triebe angefaßt, jenen Ausdruck räthsel-
hafter Trauer zu bannen, riß er das Ge-
spräch mit einer fieberhaften Wärme an sich
und sprach zuletzt mit einer Art Begeisterung
wie sie noch Niemand im Hause an ihm
wahrgenommen oder nur in ihm vermuthet
hatte.Alle Augen waren dabei auf ihn gerichtet
die Arbeit der Mädchen und auch die Jane's
rührte. Erster hörten mit wachsendem
Stimmen und gerötheten Wangen der stür-
menden Entzückung ihnen unzugänglicher
Kenntnisse und Erfahrungen zu, und Jane,
deren Hände in den Schoß gesunken, richtete
ihre Augen wie gebannt auf den so warm,
so wohlklingend, so anfeuernd Redenden,
wobei der leichte Glanz derselben lebhaft im-
pulsirte und sie endlich mit Stimmen im Kreise
umher sah, als wolle sie fragen: Habt Ihr
schon jemals dergleichen gehört? und als
wollte sie selbst darauf erwidern: Ich, ich,
o nein, ich habe es niemals, niemals vernom-
men und mir ist zu Muth, als schaute ich
in eine ganz neue mir unbekante Welt und
als hörte ich eine Stimme, deren Organ mir
so fern aber deren seelischer Klang mir
in jeder Faser meines Wesens wiedererzöl-
tert.Als der so verführerisch sprechende und sie
alle befeuernde Redner aber eine Pause ein-
treten ließ, und sie sich fast mit Gewalt von
ihm losreißen und wieder zu ihrer Arbeit
wenden wollte, um sich, damit beschäftigt, zu
sammeln und sich Rechenschaft über das Ge-
hörte und der dadurch bewirkten Eindruck
abzulegen, war ihr die fernere Arbeit un-
möglich gemacht worden. Reinhold, mitten im
hastigen Gespräch begriffen, hatte, seiner
Genügsamkeit folgend, unbemerkt einen Ge-
genstand gefaßt, mit dem er seine Hände
beschäftigen konnte, und da er keinen an-
deren in seiner Nähe gefunden, über den Tisch
gegriffen und sich die kleine Schere angeeig-
net, welche vor Jane lag. Jetzt mußte sie
ihren Faden abbrechen und die Schere
fehlte ihr. Einen Augenblick danach suchend,
erblickte sie sie in des Arztes Händen, und
nun zur Unthätigkeit verurtheilt, wußte sie
nicht, wo sie ihre brennenden Augen lassen
sollte, und dadurch beunruhigt schlug sie sie
träumerisch nieder und laut wie ergröpft in
die weichen Kissen des Sophas zurück. Blos-
lich aber und sich gewaltam aufrichtend, öff-
nete sie sie wieder und traf dabei auf den
Blick des von Neuem lebhaft Redenden, und
nun wie gebannt an seinen Lippen hängend
wandte sie sich nicht eher wieder von ihm ab,
als bis er seine zum Vortrag gewordene
Rede beendet hatte und sich still, die eben ge-
äußerten Gedanken in der Seele seiner Zu-
hörer nachschwirren lassend, in seinen Sessel
zurücklehnte.Es entstand eine lange Pause, wie das in
kleineren, ja, auch in größerer Gesellschaft
so oft geschieht, wenn ein Mitglied derselben
seine Muthheiten über allgemein interessante
Gegenstände entwickelt hat. Der Hausherr
schloß die Augen und ließ sich nieder, wie
wollte er seinen tiefempfindenden Beifall den
übrigen zu. Seine Töchter saßen mit
flammenden Wangen da und suchten das
Antlitz Jane Norrmanson's auf, als wollten
sie darin lesen, welchen Eindruck sie von
ihrem Gaste empfingen und ob sie seine Er-
güsse vollständig verstanden habe. Jane
aber hielt die Augen halb gefeilt, als wage
sie Niemanden anzusehen, und nur das mit
Mühe unterdrückte Wogen ihres Brustes be-
wies, daß sie die Rede des fremden Mannes
sehr wohl verstanden und den Inhalt dersel-
ben in ihrem Innern aufgenommen habe.Eine längere Pause, da Niemand das
Wort nahm, wäre vielleicht für sie und auch
für die Anderen peinlich geworden. Da er-
barmte sich Votte, die eben eingetretene Stü-
benmude, der allgemeinen Verwirrung und
reichte die kleinen Teller herum, auf denen
man die zugleich aufgetragenen leichten Spei-
sen verzehren sollte.Da erwachten die Töchter des Hauses
plötzlich zum Bewußtsein ihrer hässlichen
Pflicht, und augenblicklich war der halb
düstere, halb lichtvolle Zauber gebrochen, der
mehr oder minder bewußt auf alle An-
wesenden herabgelassen und sie in seinem
Banne gefangen gehalten hatte.Es ist eine seltsame und doch so häufig
vorkommende Erscheinung im Leben, daß
eine geistige Stimmung oder ein Ergriffen-
sein des Gemüths, wie wir sie eben als eine
gleichsam von einem Zauber hervorgerufene
bezeichnet haben, wenn sie durch einen all-
täglichen Vorfall oder ein alltägliches Unge-
fähr unterbrochen werden, schnell sich verlieren
und selbst unter Fortdauer derselben Per-
hältnisse und in Anwesenheit derselben Per-
sonen selten wiederkehren, am wenigsten in
dem Glanze und der Färbung, mit denen sie
in Anfang aufgetreten waren. Ganz so
war es auch hier der Fall. Das Gerassel
der Tassen und Teller, das Erzählen der
Stubenmude hatte die eben sich geltend
machende Stimmung der kleinen Gesellschaft
erloschen, und wie man sich späterhin von
erlöschten Seiten auch bemerken mochte, sie
wieder hervorzuwecken, es wollte Niemandem
so recht gelingen, es war nur das entsetz-
liche Gefährte, das nicht auf den höchsten
Gipfel getrieben und so schnell berraucht
oder sei es, daß die Nachtlänge derselben zu
überreich und bedeutend waren, um eine neue
Aufregung des Gemüths und Gemüths sich
entwickeln zu lassen.Zwar unterhielt man sich bei Tisch in dem
kleinen gemüthlichen Kreise und nachher noch
angenehm genug, aber das erste auf dem
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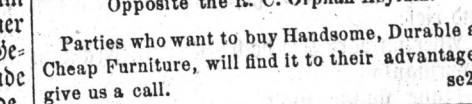
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Flamme von Neuem anzufachen. Keiner
fühlte das klarer und tiefer als Reinhold
Strahl selber, und so verhielt er sich wieder
stiller als vorher, nur von Zeit zu Zeit eine
Bemerkung in das Gespräch flüchtend, wel-
ches am späteren Abend hauptsächlich von
seinem Wirth und dessen Töchtern geführt
wurde. Auch Jane, die Jüdin, war wieder
ganz still geworden, wie sie es früher meist
immer gewesen, und hätte ihre Wangen nicht
etwas höher geglättet als gewöhnlich, und
hätte ihr Auge, wenn sie es einmal von ihrer
Arbeit erhob, nicht wie eine hin und her
flackernde Flamme, gleichsam zaghaft im
Freise umhergeblüht, Niemand, wenn es
überhaupt Jemand bemerkte, würde geglaubt
haben, daß sie die Minuten zählte, wieder
mit sich allein zu sein — warum? das wol-
len wir selbst nicht zu deuten versuchen, wenn
der Gedanke nicht nahe genug läge, daß ihr
aus langem Schlummer geweckter Geist eben
das Bedürfnis fühlte, allein zu sein, sich im
Stillen den heutigen bedeutsamen Abend
nach ihrer Art zurechtzulegen und über die
mit so großer Aufmerksamkeit vernommenen
Worte und Gespräche weiter nachzudenken.
Endlich, es mochte zehn Uhr sein, wickelte
sie ihre wiederaufgenommene Stiderei zu-
sammen, ließ die Schere, die Reinhold noch
einmal ergriffen, in seinen Händen und ver-
ließ durch ihre Bewegungen, daß ihre Zeit
genommen sei und daß sie an die Rückkehr
nach ihrem kleinen Hause denken müsse.
Da die Bewohner des Landhauses wußten,
daß ihre Bitten, noch länger zu bleiben, bei
Jane vergeblich sein würden, so sprach
Niemand sie aus, nur verriethen Margarethe
und Bertha die Neigung, der Nachbarin noch
eine Stunde Weges das Geleit zu geben.
Nein, nein, sagte Jane da mit anmuthi-
gem Schütteln des reizenden Kopfes, das
nehme ich nicht an, meine Lieben. Sie sind
Weide erhebt und der Abend ist kühl. Ich
finde meinen mir sehr betamten Weg ganz
allein.

Da trat Christian, der bisher beiseiden
auf einem Wegenstuf in einer dunkleren
Ecke des Zimmers gesessen, lebhaft heran
und rief:

Aber ich darf Sie doch begleiten, Fräulein
Dorrmannson?

Jane wußte nicht, was sie antworten
sollte oder, wenn sie es wußte, sie sprach es
nicht aus, sondern blickte nur mit einem ban-
denden Blick auf den gefälligen Knaben hin,
als Doctor Strahl an denselben herantrat
und leise sagte:

Laß mich die Dame geleiten, Christian, ich
mache mir noch gern eine kleine Bewegung.

Christian war auf der Stelle bereit zu ge-
horchen, und so trug Reinhold seine Beglei-
tung an, die mit einem fast verwunderungs-
vollen Blick, jedoch schweigend, angenommen
wurde. Gleich darauf hatte die Jane dem
Hausherren die Hand gereicht und sich mit
wenigen freundlichen Worten von ihm ver-
abschiedet. Die Mädchen geleiteten sie bis
in die Halle und bänden ihr das leichte Tuch
das sie bei sich hatte, fest um die Schultern,
während sie selbst mit rascher Hand ein klei-
nes schwarzes Spitzentuch über den Kopf
warf und nun, beide Mädchen lachend, sich
ihnen empfahl.

Weide geleiteten sie bis an die Thür, an
der Doctor Strahl schon ins Freie getreten
war. Gleich darauf befand er sich mit Jane
allein und Beide traten schweigend den Weg
durch den blumengeschmückten Vorgarten
nach dem Wege an, der den Berg hinauf nach
dem Elbthron führte.

Blötzlich blieb Reinhold stehen. Es war
gientlich finstern im Garten, den nur die aus
den Zimmern fallenden Strahlen der dort
brennenden Lichter erhellten. Der Mond
war noch nicht aufgegangen, kein Stern am
Himmel zu sehen, und die Luft wehte frisch,
fast kühl vom Westen über das Wasser her-
auf.

Jane blieb ebenfalls stehen und sah ihren
Begleiter forschend von der Seite an.

Es ist sehr kühl, mein Fräulein, sagte er
da mit leiser und weicher Stimme, und Sie
scheinen etwas erhit. Soll ich Ihnen nicht
noch lieber ein wärmeres Tuch holen, damit
Sie sich selber einhüllen?

Nein, lautete die rasche Antwort, es ist
mir nicht zu kühl, und ich bin ja bald zu
Hause. Lassen Sie mich so gehen wie ich
bin.

Dann bitte ich wenigstens um Ihren Arm
der Weg ist steil und Sie könnten auf den
glatten Stufen schlittern — ich habe mir
die Unebenheiten des Pfades wohl gemerkt.

Jane zögerte einen Augenblick, als bejahte
sie sich, ob sie sein freundliches Anerbieten
annehmen sollte; dann aber legte sie ihren
vollen, weichen Arm sanft in den ihr gebot-
nen und nun schritten Beide langsam durch
den Park dem Gärtnerhause zu, an dessen
Vorderseite erst die in die Tiefe führenden
Stufen begannen.

Als die beiden nächtlichen Wanderer den
schönen, zwischen Gebüsch hinabführenden
Weg erreichten, wurde es noch viel dunkler
um sie her, und Reinhold bedauerte fast,
keine Laterne mitgenommen zu haben. Aber
er sagte kein Wort darüber, sondern bemühte
sich nur, die ihm ruhig folgende so behut-
sam und sicher wie möglich zu leiten. In-
mer langsamer schritt er voran und sie schloß
sich ihm vertrauensvoll an, ohne ein Wort zu
sprechen, wie auch er kein Wort auf diesem
Wege sprach.

Endlich hatten sie die Stufen hinter sich
und schritten, da nun keine Vorfrist mehr ge-
boten war, etwas rascher den Kiepsweg nach
dem kleinen Häuschen hinab, das sie bald er-
reichten und welches dunkel und still in sei-
nem Wäldchere lag, obwohl man von dem
kleinen Fenster des Stübchens, welches die
alte Dienerin Jane's bewohnte, ein fahles
Licht herniederleuchten sah. Vor der Ein-
gangstür blieben sie stehen, aber Reinhold
ließ den Arm Jane's noch nicht los, und sie
entzog ihm den ihrigen auch nicht, als hätte
sie ganz vergessen, daß sie sich hier von ihrem
Begleiter trennen mußte.

Da erst, im letzten Augenblick, kam ihm
die Sprache wieder, die ihn bisher unde-
greiflicher Weise gekochte hatte, und sich halb
zu dem jungen Mädchen herumwendend, sagte
er mit fast flüsternder Stimme:

Sie haben eine trauliche süße Heimat hier
gefunden und ich kann mir denken, daß sie
Ihnen lieb und werth geworden ist.

Ein unhöflicher Senfzer, fast gewaltsam
erstickt, schwellte die Brust Jane's, dann
sagte sie sich und erwiderte, noch leiser spre-
chend als er:

Ja — sie ist mir sehr lieb und werth.
Ich bin hier mit mir allein und weiter habe
ich vor der Hand nichts gewünscht.

Fürchten Sie die laute Welt so sehr und
haben Sie keine Sympathien für die darin
lebenden und sich liebenden Menschen?

Jane ließ wieder eine Pause eintreten,
ehe sie antwortete: Ich fürchte die Welt
nicht und ich habe wohl Sympathien für die
darin lebenden Menschen, aber dennoch
stört mich der Lärm der Welt oft, und gerade
darum habe ich meine einsame Wohnung so
gern.

Ich glaube es wohl. Sie ist auch ganz
geschaffen, ein anspruchsloses Gemüth zu
befriedigen. Auch mir gefällt sie — darf ich
Sie einmal besuchen und die heute so zufällig
begonnene Bekanntschaft mit Ihnen weiter
fortsetzen — erlauben Sie mir das?

Jane, die bei den letzten Worten ihren
Arm leise aus dem ihres Begleiters gezogen
sentte einen Augenblick tief sinnend den Kopf.
Endlich, scheinbar mit Mühe ihn wieder er-
hebend, sagte sie, schwerer als vorher ath-
mens und fast nach Luft ringend:

O ja! Aber der Lärm und die Freude,
die oben in „Schillings-Lust“ wohnen, sind
bei mir nicht zu finden.

Ich bin mit dem Lärm zufrieden, den ich
bei Ihnen finde, und die Freude — die
Freude, die wohnt ja nur in der Brust des
genügsamen Menschen — nicht war?

Sie nicht, aber antwortete nicht. Dann
erhob sie das Haupt nach den oberen Fen-
stern, an denen sich eben ein hellerer Schim-
mer zeigte, und rief mit klarer, weitwölbender
Stimme:

Rebecca!

Die Stimme einer alten Frau antwortete
auf diesen Ruf vernehmlich: Ja, ja! und
gleich darauf hörte man im Innern des klei-
nen Hauses Jemanden die Treppe herunter-
kommen.

Wofür darf Sie besuchen? fragte Doc-
tor Strahl noch einmal, als höre er gern ein
deutliches und vielleicht entscheidendes Ja.

Aber das sollte er nicht hören, vielmehr
nur die fast ängstlich hervorgerissenen
Worte:

Ich habe nichts dagegen einzuwenden.
Reinhold wollte jetzt gehen, aber eine ihm
unerklärliche Macht hielt ihn wie eine unzer-
reißbare Fessel zurück. Gute Nacht! sagte
er mit einer ihm selten zuwiderstehenden Zwi-
gelfeit und, von einem unwillkürlichen Zim-
puls getrieben, streckte er seine Hand nach
der Hand Jane's aus.

Eine zarte, weiche Hand wickelte sich aus
dem fest umgeschlungenen Tuche los und gleich
darauf legte sie sich leise, leise in die Hand
des jungen Mannes, den das wonnige Gefühl
durchbraute, daß er noch nie eine solche Hand
in der seinen gehalten hatte.

Da öffnete sich die Hausthür von innen
und eine betagte Frau mit gelbem, furch-
tlichem Gesicht, welches grauweiße Wädhchen
umrahmte, wurde in dem Spalt mit einem
Lichte in der Hand sichtbar. Reinhold warf
nur einen hastigen, kurzen Blick auf sie hin,
dann sagte er noch einmal: Gute Nacht!
und eine Minute darauf war Jane hinter
der Kiefling von der Dienerin verschlossen
Thür des kleinen Hauses verschwunden.

Reinhold blieb davor stehen und schaute
es mit trübenden Augen an, ogleich er nichts
als die winzigen Umrisse der alten Bauhül-
fe und einen matten Schimmer hinter den
halbgeschlossenen Jalousien, der durch im
Jahren hergelaufene Vorhänge noch mehr
gedämpft wurde, wahrnehmen konnte. Er
vermochte sich noch nicht von dem Orte zu
trennen, der in so kurzer Zeit — das sagte
er sich selbst — eine so große Bedeutung für
ihn gewonnen hatte. Eigentlich nicht wiß-
send, was er that, ging er langsamen Schrit-
tes der Brüstung der kleinen Terrasse zu,
wo der am Morgen bemerkte eiserne Tisch
und einige Stühle standen, und von hier aus
schaute er träumerisch in das dunkle Nacht-
bild hinein, welches dicht vor seinen Augen
lag.

Auch hier war kein Stern sichtbar und
schwere Wolken zogen langsam am glanzlo-
sen Himmel hin. Die Elbinseln und das
dahinter liegende feste Land waren nicht sicht-
bar, aber der breite Strom schlängelte sich
wie eine matt schimmernde Kieselinselange
hinaus seinem Ziele zu. Ueber ihm wogten
bläuliche graue Nebelmassen und aus der Tiefe
brauste es, gährend auf, da der stärkere Wind
die beginnende Fluth heftig gegen die Kiefl-
ing war brausen ließ. Somit war kein Ton
ringsum zu hören, das Schweigen der Nacht
war vollkommen, oder das rollende Gewässer
verschlang das matte, etwa aus weiterer
Ferne herüberflüsternde Geöise. Auch kein
Lichtstrahl, weder vom Blusse, noch aus der
Ferne her, erhobte die dunkle Nacht, nur als
der Fremdling an diesem Ort sich nach der
Berglehne umschaute, auf welcher so viele
größere und kleinere Häuser lagen, schumer-
ten ihm aus den meisten derselben freundliche
Lichter entgegen, und er empfand fast eine
Freude darüber, da er dies sah und ihm da-
bei zu Muth war, als sei er doch nicht ganz
in dieser Stille verlassen und als wohnen
dort oben Menschen, liebe, hülfreiche Men-
schen, die ihm beistehen könnten, wenn er
ihrer Hilfe — er wüßte nicht, gegen welchen
Feind oder welche Gefahr — benötigt sein
sollte.

Als er aber geraume Zeit hier gestanden,
und diesen wohlthuenden Trost in sich aufge-
nommen hatte, ohne daß das Licht in dem
unteren Zimmer des kleinen Hauses erloschen
wäre, sojete er sich endlich zum Rück-
wege an, und als er an dem alten dunk-
len Gemäuer vorüber schritt, sagte er im
Stillen:

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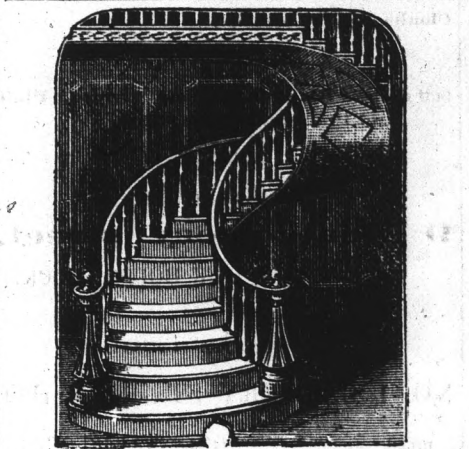
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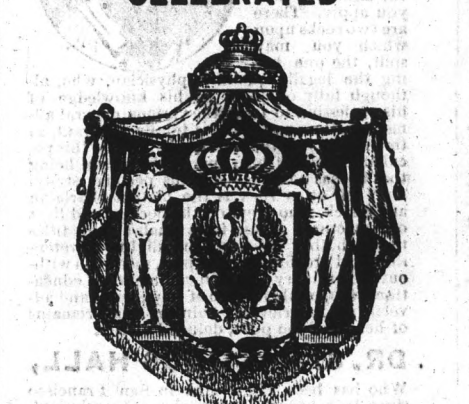


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